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PREFACE

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DEFINITIONS

Covered Employer (by Unemployment Insurance Laws)

To be a covered employer, an employer must meet one or more of the following criteria:

- have an annual payroll which exceeds $1,000 in a calendar year
- acquire all or a substantial portion of a covered business or
- be subject to FUTA

If the employer is an agricultural entity, the employer must pay total cash wages of $20,000 or more in a calendar quarter or employ 10 or more workers in 20 different weeks in a calendar year to be covered.

A domestic employer who pays total cash wages of $1,000 or more in a calendar quarter is a covered employer.

In addition, if the agricultural or domestic employer has another business which is covered, its agricultural or domestic employees must also be reported, regardless of the amount of wages paid or number of employees.

Covered Employment

Covered employment includes all services performed for wages or under contract, unless specifically excluded by law. Some common exclusions from covered employment are:

- individuals in the employ of son, daughter or spouse
- children under 21 employed by parent (or partnership of parents)
- real estate, insurance and securities salespeople paid solely by commission and without guaranteed earnings
- fulltime students working in a program taken for credit
- inmates working for a state correction or custodial institution
- elected public officials
- railroad employees
- church employees
- children under 18 delivering and distributing newspapers or shopping news from house to house and business establishments
- physically or mentally impaired individuals working in a rehabilitation facility

Standard Industrial Classification (SIC)

Each business is assigned a SIC code that describes the business based upon its nature-of-business in accordance with the Standard Industrial Classification Manual, 1972 and 1987 editions.

Employment

Annual average employment is the average number of monthly workers covered under the Montana unemployment insurance laws who earned wages from a reporting unit during the pay period that includes the 12th day of the month.

Disclosure Restrictions

Publication of employment and wage data is withheld for any industry level which consists of fewer than three reporting units or in which a single establishment accounts for 80 percent or more of the industry's employment.

Civilian Labor Force

The number of persons 16 years and older, defined as employed or unemployed, excluding members of the armed forces.

Employed

Those persons who work for pay or profit during a week or, as unpaid family workers, work 15 hours or more during a week. Also included as employed are those who, although not working, had some job attachment and were not looking for work. This includes persons temporarily absent from a job due to illness, bad weather, vacation or labor dispute, whether or not they were in pay status during their time off.

Unemployed

Those persons who, for an entire week, did not work at all, but were able to work and available for work, and (1) were looking for work or (2) would have looked for work except that (a) they were waiting to return to a job from which they had been laid off, or (b) they were waiting to report to a new wage and salary job scheduled to start within the following 30 days (and were not in school during the week).

Unemployment Rate

The number of unemployed expressed as a percent of the civilian labor force.

Real Wages

Current year wages which have been adjusted for inflation to a base year standard (1982 for this publication) to be used for accurate comparison between years. The GNP implicit price deflator was the index used for adjustment.

MINERAL COUNTY OVERVIEW

TRENDS OF AVERAGE ANNUAL EMPLOYMENT AND REAL WAGES**(1976-1988)

MINERAL COUNTY

ALL INDUSTRIES

Average annual employment in Mineral County remained stable in the late 1970's (1,500-1,600 employees). Mining activity and employment in Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities increased total county employment in 1980-1981, but employment losses in Mining, Manufacturing, and Retail dropped the county employment level below 1,500 in 1982. In 1983, employment rose to 1,906 (highest level during the review period) as Construction, Manufacturing, Wholesale, and Services made sizable gains. By 1985, employment had returned to the 1,500 level as Construction, Manufacturing, Wholesale, and government employment declined. From 1986-1988, the county employment level stabilized and averaged 1,402. Average annual real wages (adjusted for inflation, based on 1982 dollar values) in the county have been slightly higher than the Montana average since 1982. In 1988, the average annual real wage in Mineral County was $12,662 (adjusted) and equates to an annual average wage of $15,411 (unadjusted).

AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY & FISHING

Agricultural and Ag Service employment covered by Unemployment Insurance was minimal through 1980. In 1981, this industry had 5 employees and peak employment of 15 was recorded in 1982. From 1983-1986 the industry average 9 employees in Mineral County. With the drought and extreme fire conditions of 1987 there was no covered employment in 1987 and minimal employment in 1988. Real wages in the industry fluctuated between $5,000 and $10,000 annually during the period 1980-1986. In 1988, real wages jumped to $17,545 (adjusted). Annual average wages (unadjusted) were $21,355 which ranked 6th among the county's 12 industry groups and with the minimal employment this industry ranked 11-12 (tied with Mining) in annual average employment.

MINING

Throughout the period of this review, covered Mining employment was fewer than 5 employees except from 1979-1981. During this period, Metal Mining maintained an average of 14 employees and peak employment of 27 was achieved in 1980. Real wages during this period averaged $20,119. In 1986 and 1988 there was minimal employment in the industry but real wages in 1986 jumped to $36,441, and dropped to $8,182 in 1988. Mining ranked 11th-12th, tied with Ag, in annual average employment and 10th within the county in annual average wages ($9,959).

CONSTRUCTION

From 1976 through 1981, the Construction industry averaged 13 employees. Heavy Construction activity picked up in 1982, and during 1984 the industry had 83 employees in Mineral County. From 1985 through 1987, Heavy Construction supplied the majority of the industry's average annual employment (39 employees). In 1988, Construction employment dropped to 17 (ranked 7th, tied with FIRE) and had annual average wages of $24,933 (ranked 2nd highest among county industries). Real wages, in 1988, were $20,486, down from an industry high of $26,488 (1986).

MANUFACTURING

dIn 1979, Mineral County manufacturing had 350 employees (all in 21 Lumber industry establishments). During the late 1970's the industry averaged 325 employees and real wages of $20,086 per year. From 1980 through 1985, Manufacturing employment fluctuated with the Lumber industry, averaging annual employment of 282. Real wages were slightly below the late 70's until dropping sharply in 1984. Annual real wages dropped to a median of $18,299 for the period 1980-1985. In the last years of the review (1986-1988) the industry averaged 226 employees and annual real wages of $17,912. The Manufacturing industry of Mineral County was comprised of 16 establishments (14 in the Lumber industries), 203 employees (ranked 2nd among the county's industries in annual average employment), and had annual average wages (unadjusted) of $22,233 (ranked 5th, equal to $18,267 in real (adjusted) wages).

TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES*

From 1976 through 1983, *TCPU employment varied widely, year to year. In 1977 TCPU employed 24, in 1978 dropped to 9, by 1981 had 27 employees, and in 1983 was at a low of 7 employees. Overall, through 1983 it averaged annual employment of 16 people in the county. The wide variance in employment was brought about by shifts in the Trucking industry, primarily in conjunction with log/timber hauling. From 1984 through 1988, the industry averaged 12 employees, and employed 11 in 1988 (ranked 9th in annual average employment). Real wages, like employment, have fluctuated over the review period. The median real wage for the 13 year period was $18,310 per year. In 1988, real wages were $18,672 and annual average wages (unadjusted) were $22,725 which ranked 3rd highest in the county.

WHOLESALE TRADE

From 1976 through 1981, the Wholesale industry averaged fewer than 5 employees. This changed in 1982 (14), and as Construction and Manufacturing increased, Wholesale grew employing 33 people in Mineral County in 1983. Wholesale employment dropped in 1984 (14), and from 1985 through 1988 has averaged 6 employees. In 1988, Wholesale Trade ranked 10th in annual average employment and 9th in annual average wages ($10,400). Real wages in Wholesale have been declining since 1982 ($11,924) and were $8,545 in 1988.

RETAIL TRADE

Retail Trade has maintained two levels of employment in the county. In 1976, 1982-1983, and 1987-1988. Overall employment in the county was down in 1982 and 1987-1988, Manufacturing employment was down, and Transportation-Communications & Public Utilities had low employment during these periods. Combined with limited Mining activity, these industries provide some of the county's higher annual salaries and the resultant loss curtailed Retail employment. At the lower employment level the industry averages 214 employees. During the remainder of the review period the industry averaged 249 8 employees. In 1988, Retail employed 217 (largest employer in the county) and had annual average wages of $8,339 (ranked 12th, or last among the various industry groups). Real wages have remained within a $1,000 range over the entire review period. The median wage for the review period is $6,518. The low was recorded in 1985 ($5,858) and in 1988 real wages averaged $6,582.

FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE*

From 1976-1979, *FIRE employed about 19 in Mineral County. In 1980 the industry began to grow, reaching peak employment in 1984 (25 employees) with the net gain of one establishment. In 1987 and 1988, FIRE employment dropped to 17, its lowest annual employment of the review period. FIRE ranked 7th (tied with Construction) in annual average employment and 8th in annual average wages with $13,637. Real wages in the industry have remained stable and averaged $11,666 per year. Real wages in 1988 were $11,205.

SERVICES

During the first six years of the review period, the Services industry averaged 40 employees and 16. From 1982 to 1985 the industry more than tripled employment, gaining 6 establishments and adding 101 employees. Services employment continued to increase each year, through 1988, though not as rapidly. In 1988, Services employed 176 people in the county (ranked 3rd in annual average employment), recorded its highest annual average wages of the review period ($8,805--ranked 11th), and maintained 21 establishments covered by unemployment insurance. Real wages in the Services industry have increased. Through 1983, the median real wage of the industry was less than $4,000 per year. Real wages had increased to $6,676 in 1985 and in 1988 were $7,235.

GOVERNMENT

From 1976-1980, combined government averaged 386 employees in Mineral County. That dropped to an average of 353 employees from 1981-1984, as Local government lost 20 employees and State government decreased by 10 employees. From 1985 through 1988 median government employment in the county dropped to 295, and in 1988 government employed 293: Local government had 164 employees (ranked 4th in annual average employment) and annual average wages of $16,446 (ranked 7th); State government employed 42 (ranked 6th) and had annual average wages of $25,821 (ranked first); and the Federal government employed 86 (ranked 5th) and averaged annual wages of $22,554 (ranked 4th in the county).

UNEMPLOYMENT AND THE LABOR FORCE

The unemployment rate in Mineral County normally ranged from 2.0% to 5.0% higher than the statewide average rate. In 1982; Mining, TCPU, Manufacturing, and Retail employment losses drove the county unemployment rate to 22.5% (more than 13.0% higher than the state average). In 1988, the county unemployment rate of 11.3% was nearly 5.0% higher than the Montana unemployment rate. From its peak in 1983 (2,250) and from the beginning of the review period in 1976 (1760), the labor force of Mineral County has declined in the last three years of the review to an estimated 1,535 in 1988. In 1987, with the number of unemployed decreasing, employment remaining nearly the same, and population estimations declining...the labor force declined with some out-migration. This was compounded in 1988 with the loss of about 60 jobs.

NEW BUSINESSES
Covered By Unemployment Insurance

New business starts in Mineral County have declined over the past three years. In 1986 there were 16 new businesses or changes of ownership within the county. There were 9 business starts in 1987 and only 6 in 1988. During the three year period Services had 11 of the 31 new business starts, Construction had 7, and Trade had 5. Six new businesses favored June for start up, five began in October, and no new business starts were credited to August.

POPULATION

Mineral County increased its population from 1,626 in 1930, to 3,037 in 1960, when it comprised 0.5% of the Montana population. It continued to grow and in the 1980 decennial census had a population of 3,675 (keeping pace with Montana growth). In the late 1980's as estimated Montana population declined so did the population of the county. In 1988, estimated population of Mineral County was 3,400 which is 0.4% of the total estimated population of the state.

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MINERAL COUNTY LABOR FORCE

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

1988	1,535
1987	1,588
1986	1,635

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

1988	11.3%
1987	10.6%
1986	12.8%

EMPLOYED PERSONS

1988	1,361
1987	1,419
1986	1,425

UNEMPLOYED PERSONS

1988	174
1987	169
1986	210

LABOR FORCE
MINERAL COUNTY
2500
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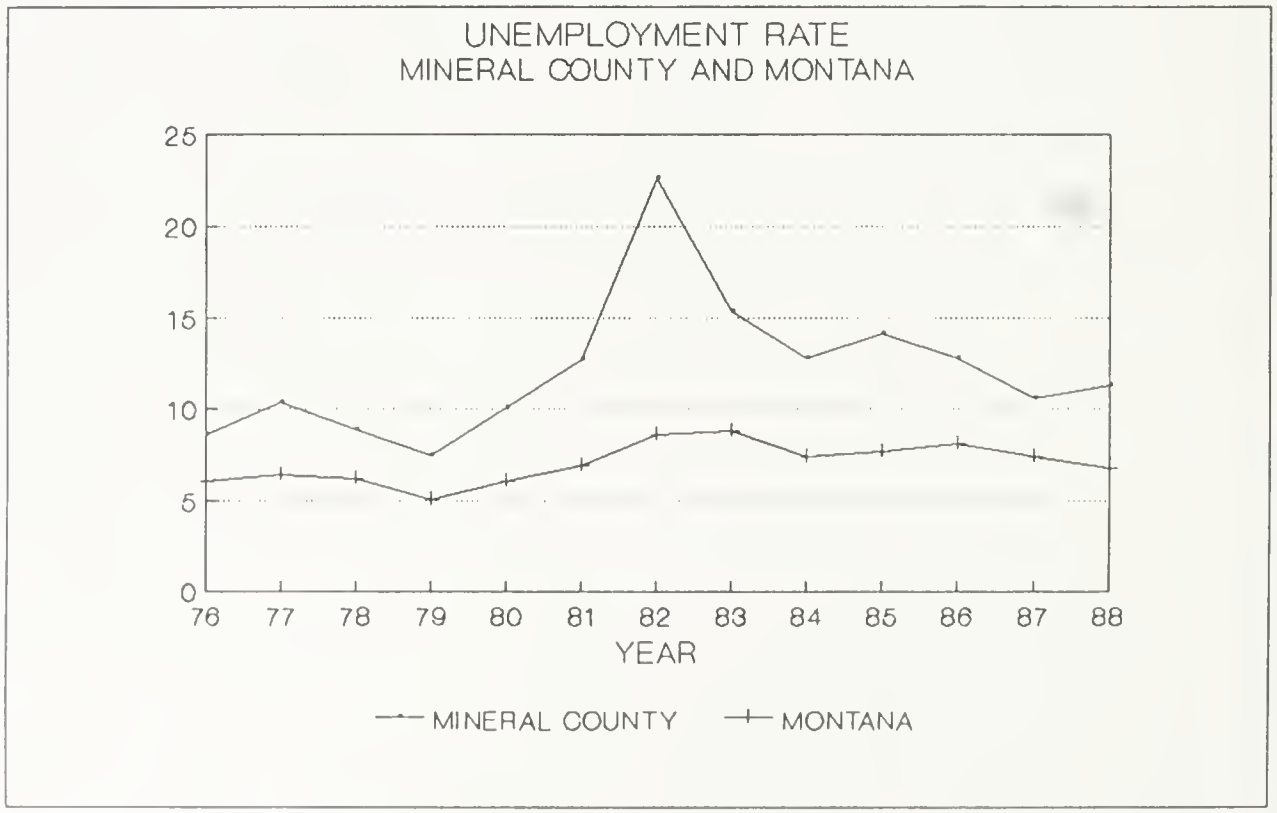
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
MINERAL COUNTY AND MONTANA
25
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YEAR
MINERAL COUNTY
MONTANA

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT PAYMENTS

Total Payments

1988	$289,076
1987	$274,948
1986	$398,688

Number of Payments

1988	2,048
1987	1,964
1986	2,875

Average Weekly Payment

1988	$141.10
1987	$139.90
1986	$138.60

Total number of Unemployment Insurance payments dropped to 4,832 in 1988, down nearly 800 from the previous year and nearly 2,100 fewer than 1986. The amount of the average weekly payment increased by $2.80 over last year but total payments in Mineral County for 1988 were $547,845, down nearly 12% from 1987.

P R O F I L E

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I N D U S T R I E S

(FROM BUSINESSES SUBJECT TO

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE LAWS)

MINERAL COUNTY BUSINESSES

Covered By Unemployment Insurance

5	Construction Firms, including: 4 Heavy Construction Establishments
16	Manufacturing Establishments, including: 14 Lumber Establishments
6	Transportation, Communication & Public Utility Establishments; including: 4 Trucking Firms
28	Retail Establishments, including: 3 Food Stores 6 Auto Dealerships/Service Stations 3 Misc. Retail Establishments 11 Restaraunts (3 serving liquor) 5 Taverns
5	Finance, Insurance & Real Estate Establishments 3 Real Estate Establishments
21	Service Establishments, including: 3 Lodging Establishments 5 Health Service Establishments 4 Social Service Establishments
4	Schools/School District Offices
23	Other Establishments
108	Total Establishments

MINERAL
NEW BUSINESSES

(INCLUDES NEW & CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP)

BY INDUSTRY

	1986	1987	1988
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY & FISHERIES	0	0	0
MINING	1	1	0
CONSTRUCTION	4	1	2
MANUFACTURING	1	2	0
TCPU*	0	0	1
TRADE	2	1	2
FIRE**	0	0	0
SERVICES	7	3	1
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	0	1	0
NONCLASSIFIABLE ESTABLISHMENTS	1	0	0
TOTAL	16	9	6

*TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATIONS, PUBLIC UTILITIES
**FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE

BY MONTH

	1986	1987	1988
JANUARY	3	0	1
FEBRUARY	0	2	0
MARCH	1	0	0
APRIL	1	0	0
MAY	3	1	0
JUNE	4	1	1
JULY	3	1	0
AUGUST	0	0	0
SEPTEMBER	0	0	1
OCTOBER	1	2	2
NOVEMBER	0	1	1
DECEMBER	0	1	0
TOTAL	16	9	6

MINERAL
INDUSTRY RANKINGS
FOR THE YEAR 1988

INDUSTRY GROUPS RANKED BY AVERAGE ANNUAL EMPLOYMENT

1.	RETAIL TRADE	217
2.	MANUFACTURING	203
3.	SERVICES	176
4.	LOCAL GOVERNMENT	164
5.	FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	86
6.	STATE GOVERNMENT	42
7.	CONSTRUCTION	17
8.	F.I.R.E.**	17
9.	T.C.P.U.*	11
10.	WHOLESALE TRADE	6
11.	AG. SERV., FOR., FISH.	1
12.	MINING	1

INDUSTRY GROUPS RANKED BY AVERAGE ANNUAL WAGE

1.	STATE GOVERNMENT	$25,821
2.	CONSTRUCTION	24,933
3.	T.C.P.U.*	22,725
4.	FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	22,554
5.	MANUFACTURING	22,233
6.	AG. SERV., FOR., FISH.	21,355
7.	LOCAL GOVERNMENT	16,446
8.	F.I.R.E.**	13,637
9.	WHOLESALE TRADE	10,400
10.	MINING	9,959
11.	SERVICES	8,805
12.	RETAIL TRADE	8,339

*TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATIONS, AND PUBLIC UTILITIES

**FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE

COVERED EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES IN MONTANA BY
STANDARD INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION FOR 1988

MINERAL 061	SIC CODE	ESTAB-LISH-MENTS	AVERAGE ANNUAL EMPLOYMENT	ANNUAL WAGES PAID	AVERAGE ANNUAL WAGE	AVERAGE UI TAX RATE
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES		106	947	14,593,943	15,411	2.53
PRIVATE (OWNERSHIP 5)		87	653	8,872,435	13,587	3.97
AGRI,FOR,FISH	D					
FORESTRY	08 D					
MINING	D					
METAL MINING	10 D					
CONSTRUCTION		5	17	423,869	24,934	3.85
HEAVY CONSTRUCTION	16	4	17	423,869	24,933	3.85
MANUFACTURING		16	203	4,513,389	22,233	5.32
LUMBER	24	14	197	4,395,670	22,313	5.33
PRINTING-PUBLISH	27 D					
NON ELECT MACH	35 D					
TRANS. COMM. & PU		6	11	249,987	22,726	2.15
TRUCKING-WAREHOUSE	42	3	3	34,248	11,416	2.56
COMMUNICATION	48 D					
ELECT-GAS-SAN-SER	49 D					
WHOLESALE TRADE	D					
NONDURABLE	51 D					
RETAIL TRADE		28	217	1,809,781	8,340	2.51
BLDG MAT-GARDEN	52 D					
GEN MERCH	53 D					
FOOD STORES	54	3	36	398,333	11,064	1.61
AUTO DIRS-SVC ST	55	6	65	563,686	8,672	2.72
EATING & DRINKING	58	14	56	285,633	5,100	3.07
MISC RETAIL	59	3	58	560,671	9,666	2.53
FIN.,INS.,R.E		5	17	231,848	13,638	1.18
BANKING	60 D					
INS AGENTS-BRKS	64 D					
REAL ESTATE	65	3	3	28,460	9,486	1.54
SERVICES		21	176	1,549,839	8,806	2.29
HOTELS & LODGING	70	3	46	199,908	4,345	2.37
MISC REPAIR SERVICE	76 D					
MOTION PICTURES	78 D					
AMUS & REC SERVICES	79 D					
HEALTH SERVICES	80	5	79	864,645	10,944	1.40
SOCIAL SERVICES	83	4	13	24,976	1,921	2.51
MEMBERSHIP ORG	86 D					
ENGINEERING SERVICES	87 D					
PRIVATE HOUSEHOLD	88 D					
GOVERNMENT		19	293	5,721,507	19,527	.32

COVERED EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES IN MONTANA BY
STANDARD INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION FOR 1988

MINERAL	061	SIC CODE	ESTAB-LISH-MENTS	AVERAGE ANNUAL EMPLOYMENT	ANNUAL WAGES PAID	AVERAGE ANNUAL WAGE	AVERAGE UI TAX RATE
STATE			6	42	1,084,524	25,822	.20
LOCAL			7	164	2,697,311	16,447	.36
FEDERAL			5	86	1,939,671	22,554	.00

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1988 UNADJUSTED AND REAL AVERAGE ANNUAL WAGES**

MINERAL COUNTY

INDUSTRY	SIC	UNADJUSTED TOTAL	UNADJUSTED AVERAGE	REAL TOTAL	REAL AVERAGE
TOTAL		14,593,943	15,411	11,990,384	12,662
PRIVATE		8,872,435	13,587	7,289,593	11,163
AG FOR FIS		D			
FORESTRY	08	D			
MINING		D			
METAL MINING	10	D			
CONSTRUCTION		423,869	24,934	348,251	20,486
HEAVY CONST	16	423,869	24,934	348,251	20,486
MANUFACTURING		4,513,389	22,233	3,708,200	18,267
LUMBER	24	4,395,670	22,313	3,611,482	18,332
PRINT-PUBLISH	27	D			
NON ELEC MACH	35	D			
TRANS COMM & PU		249,987	22,726	205,389	18,672
TRUCKNG/WAREHSE	42	34,248	11,416	28,138	9,379
COMMUNICATION	48	D			
ELECT-GAS-SAN-S	49	D			
WHOLESALE TRADE		D			
NONDURABLE	51	D			
RETAIL TRADE		1,809,781	8,340	1,486,916	6,852
BLDG MAT-GARDEN	52	D			
GEN MERCHANDISE	53	D			
FOOD STORES	54	398,333	11,064	327,270	9,090
AUTO DIRS-SVC S	55	563,686	8,672	463,124	7,125
EATING & DRINKI	58	285,633	5,100	234,676	4,190
MISC RETAIL	59	560,671	9,666	460,647	7,942
FIN INS, R.E.		231,848	13,638	190,486	11,205
BANKING	60	D			
INS AGENTS-BRKR	64	D			
REAL ESTATE	65	28,460	9,486	23,383	7,794

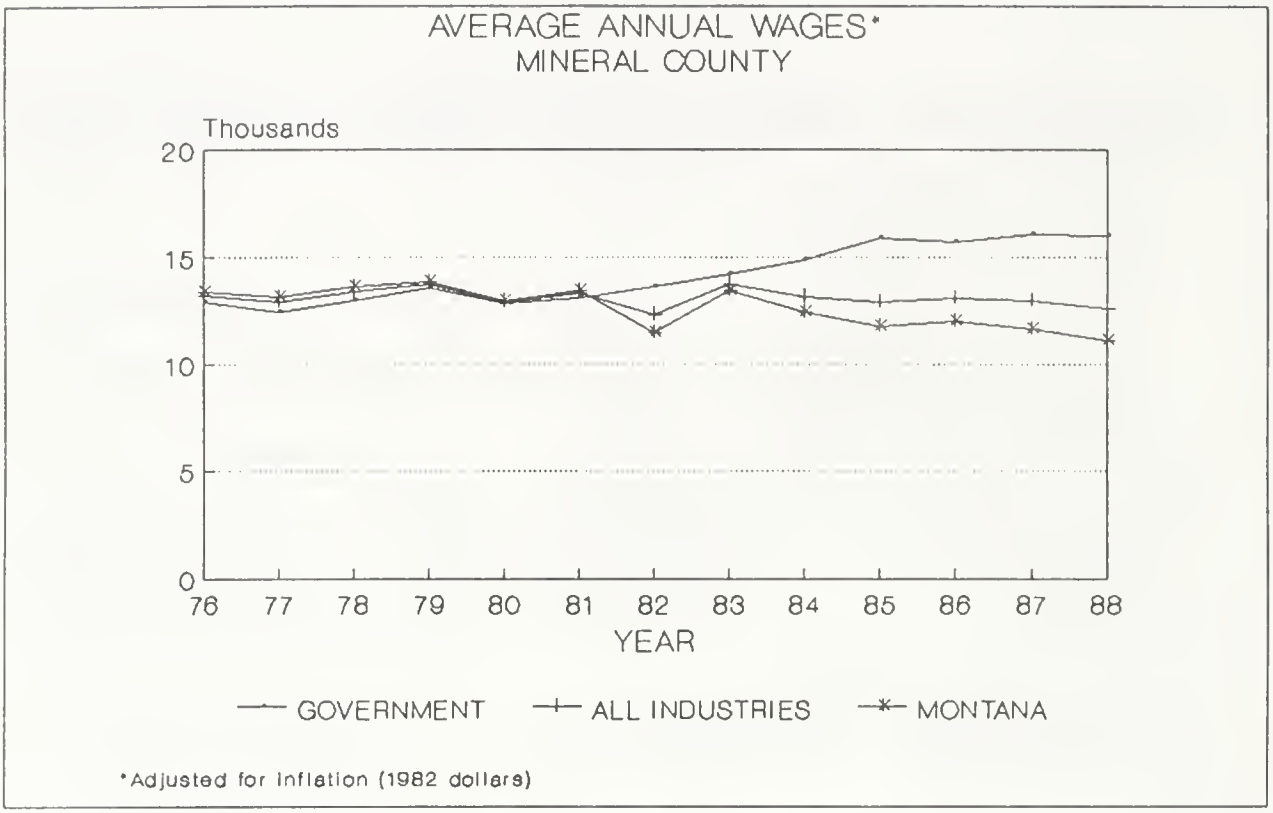
1988 UNADJUSTED AND REAL AVERAGE ANNUAL WAGES**

MINERAL COUNTY

		UNADJUSTED		REAL	
INDUSTRY	SIC	TOTAL	AVERAGE	TOTAL	AVERAGE
SERVICES		1,549,839	8,806	1,273,348	7,235
HOTELS & LODGIN	70	199,908	4,345	164,244	3,570
MISC REPAIR SER	76	D			
MOTION PICTURES	78	D			
AMUS & REC SVC	79	D			
HEALTH SERVICES	80	864,645	10,944	710,392	8,992
SOCIAL SERVICES	83	24,976	1,921	20,520	1,578
MEMBERSHIP ORGS	86	D			
ENGINEERING SER	87	D			
PRIVATE HHOLD	88	D			
GOVERNMENT		5,721,507	19,527	4,700,790	16,043
STATE		1,084,524	25,822	891,045	21,215
LOCAL		2,697,311	16,447	2,216,111	13,513
FEDERAL		1,939,671	22,554	1,593,634	18,530

D = Non-Disclosable

**Real wages are raw wages that have been adjusted for inflation (1982 dollars)


AVERAGE ANNUAL WAGES*
MINERAL COUNTY
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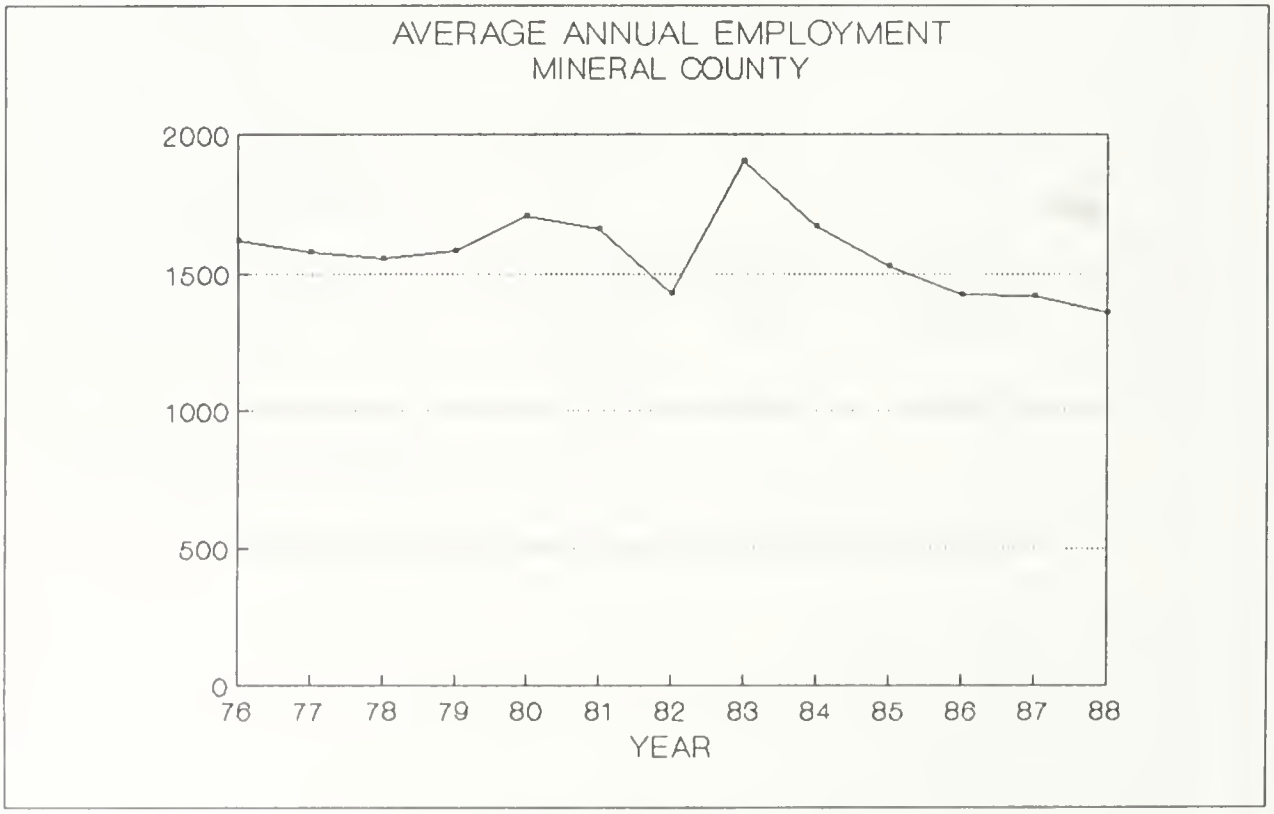
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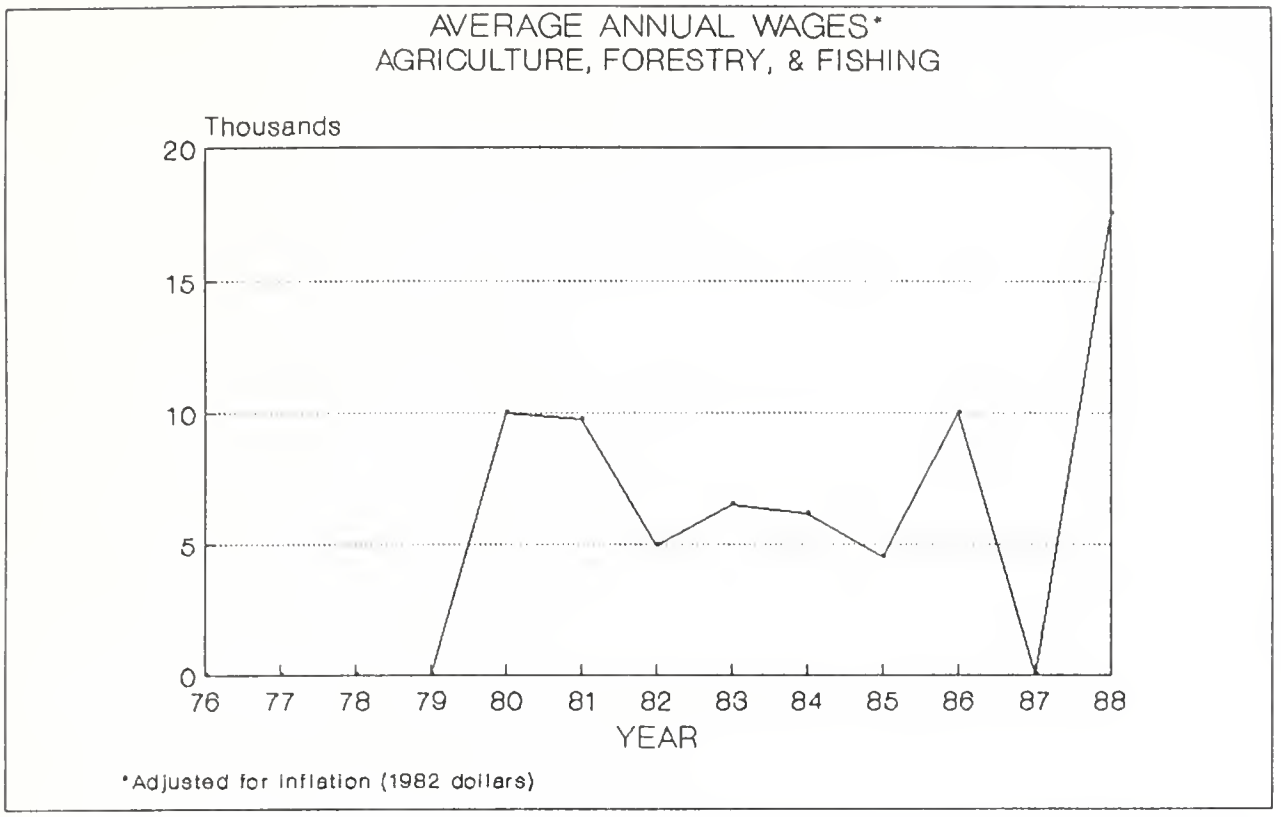
AVERAGE ANNUAL WAGES*
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, & FISHING
Thousands
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87
88
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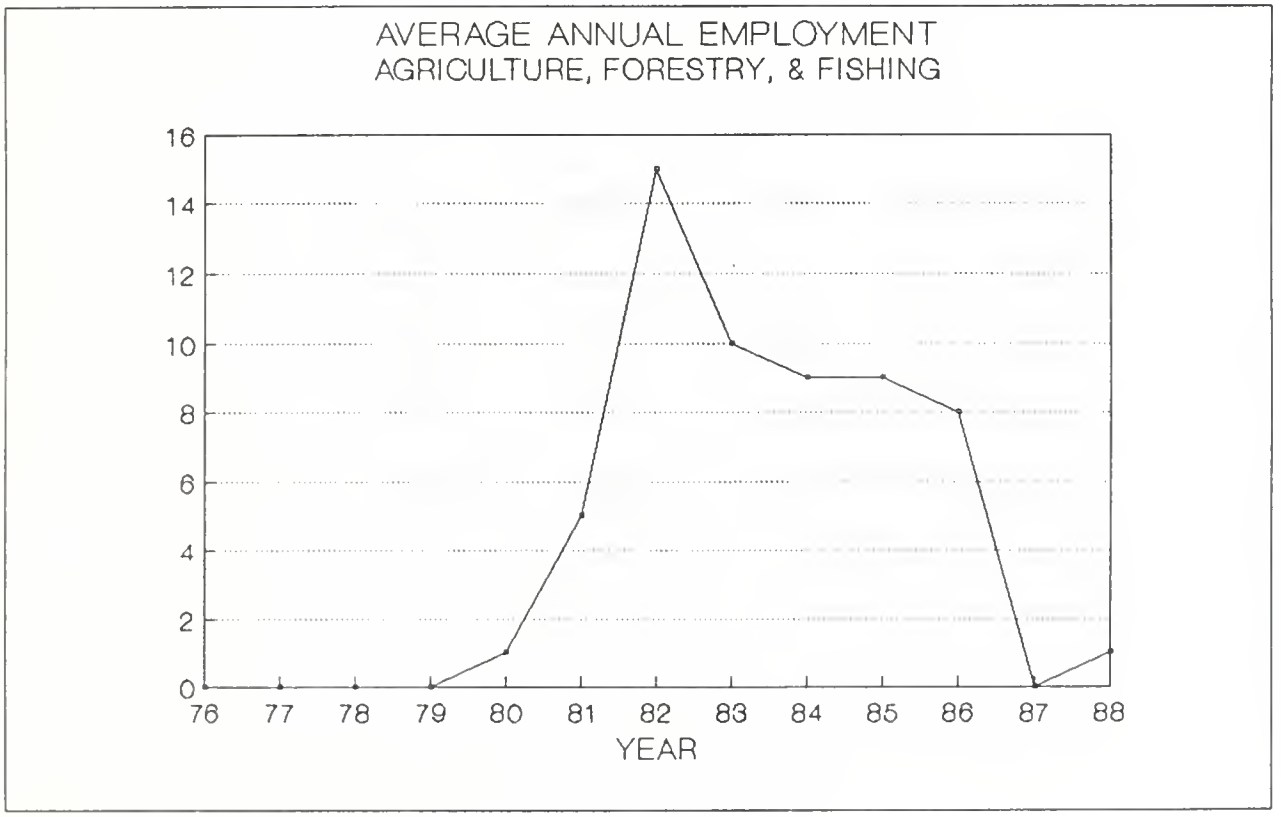
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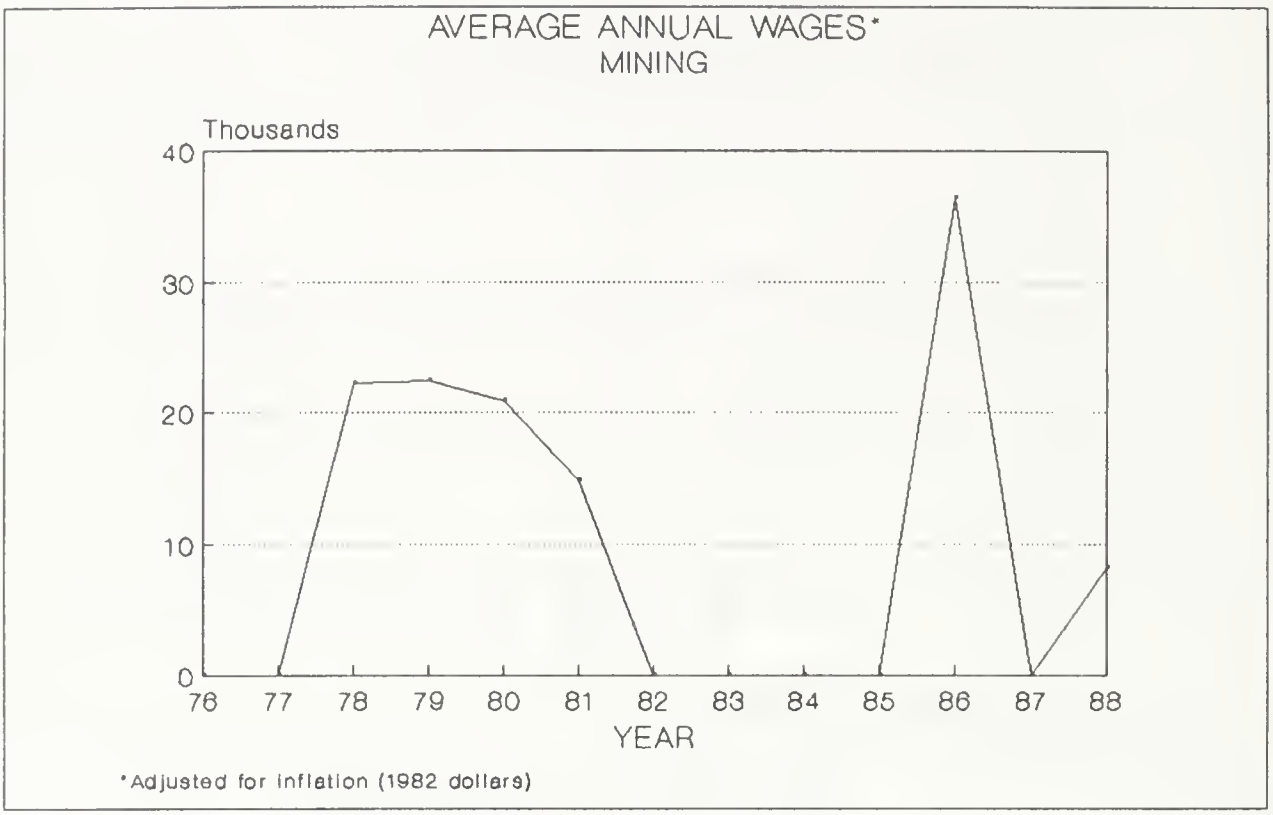
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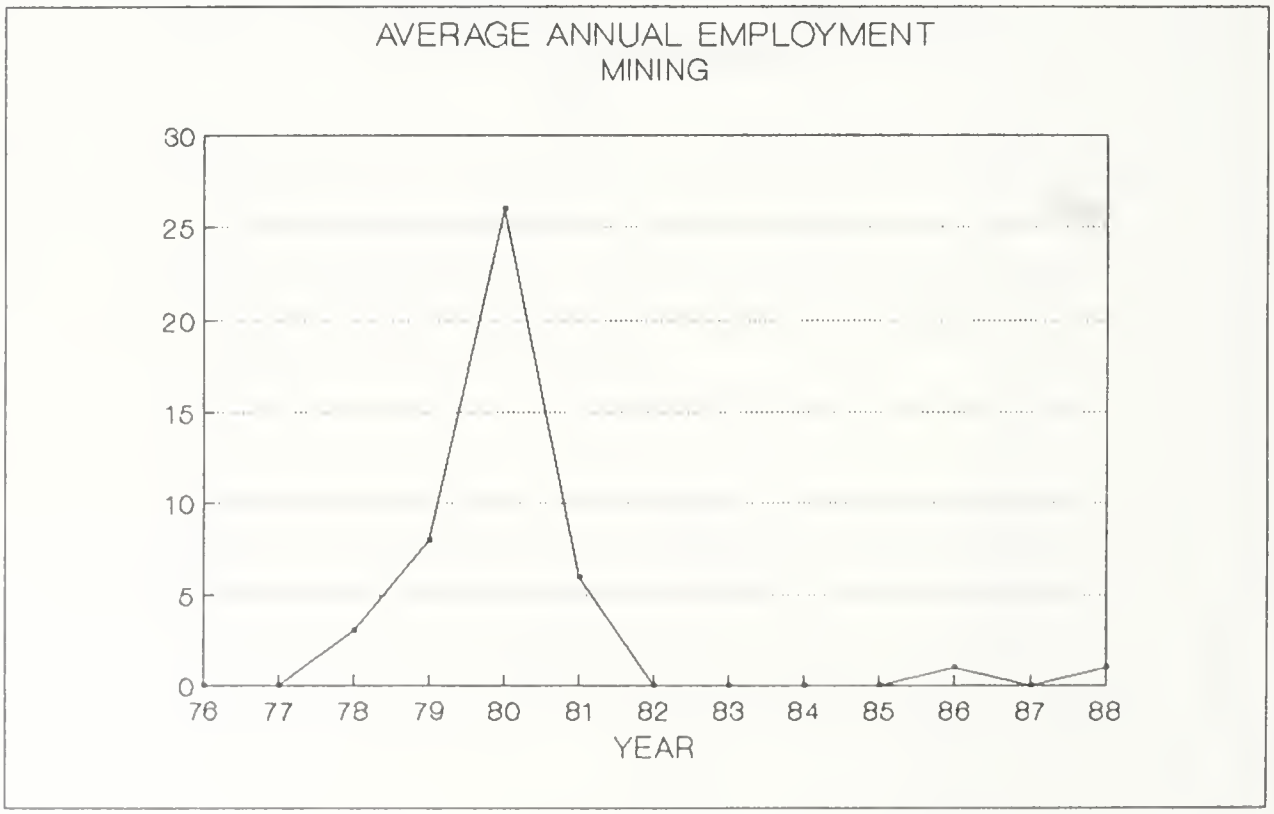
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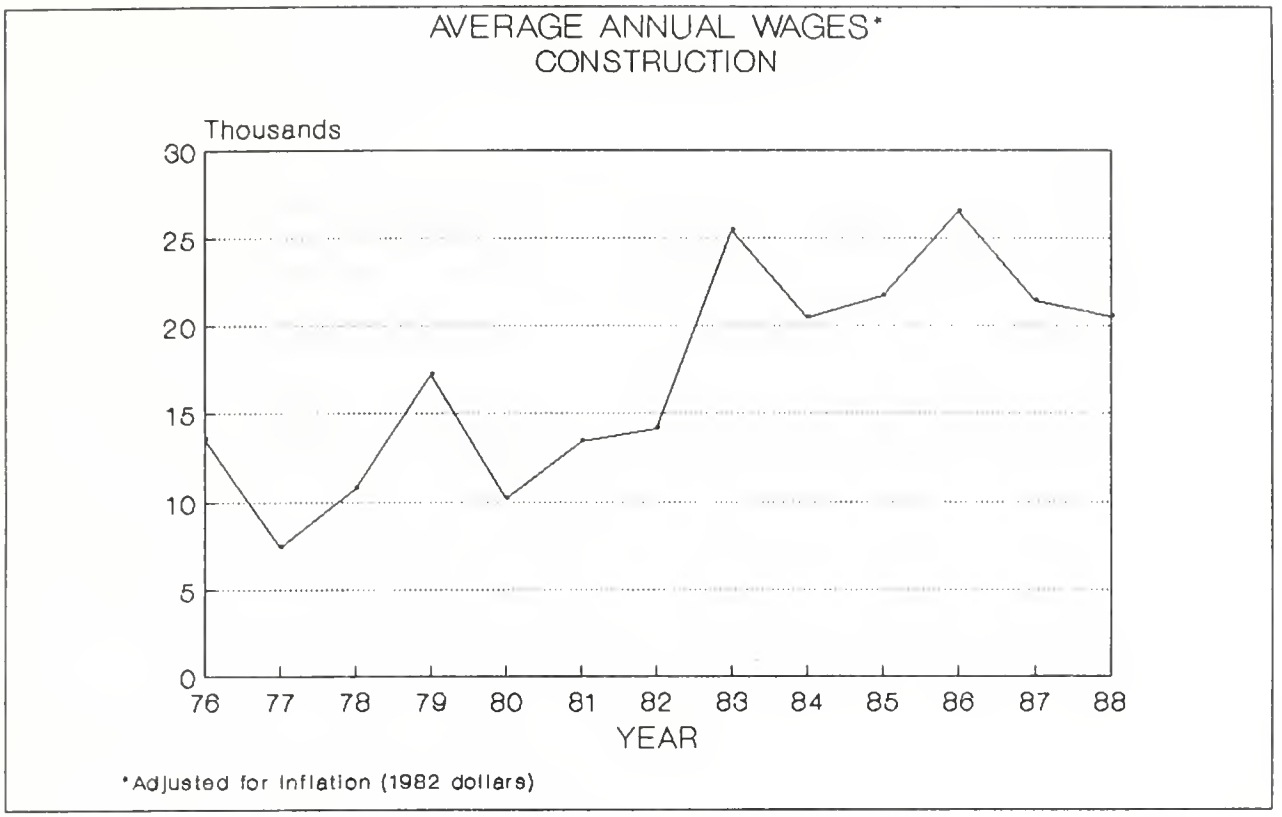
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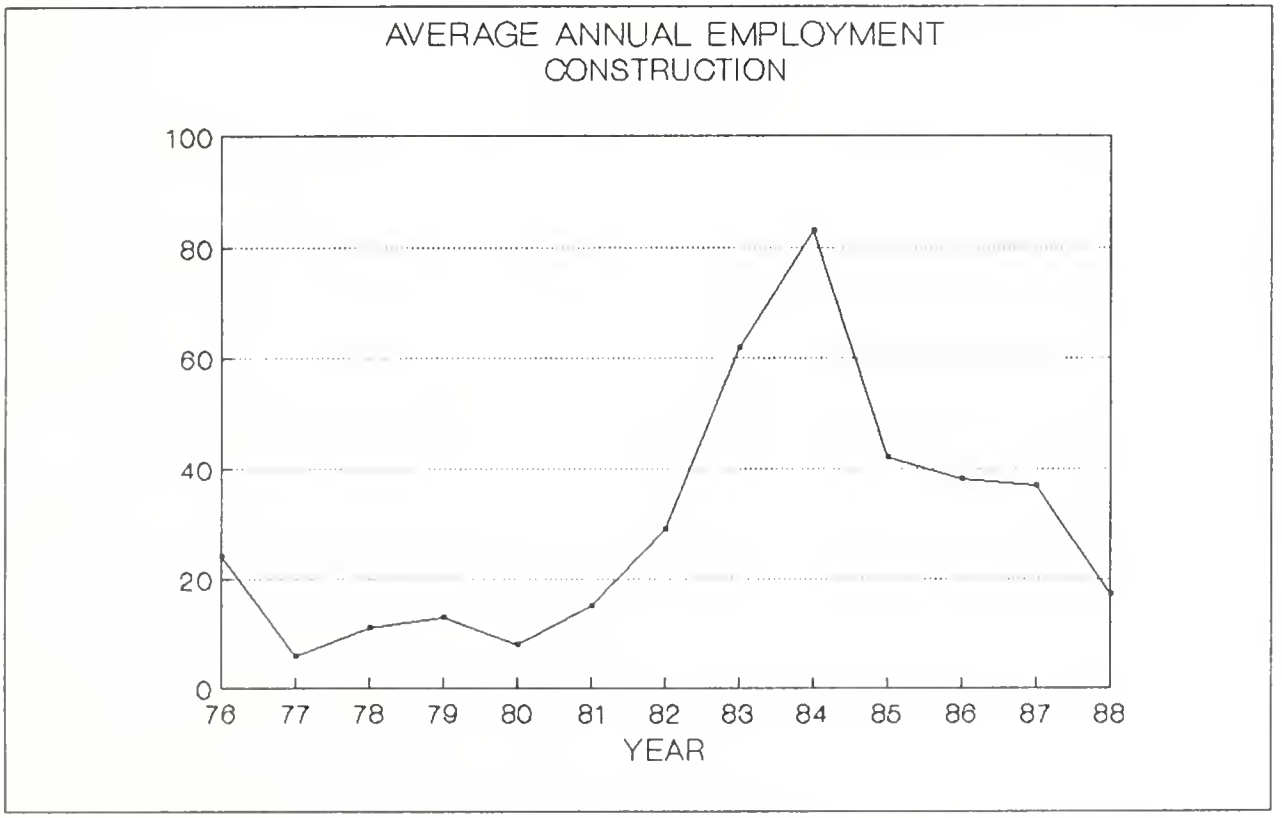
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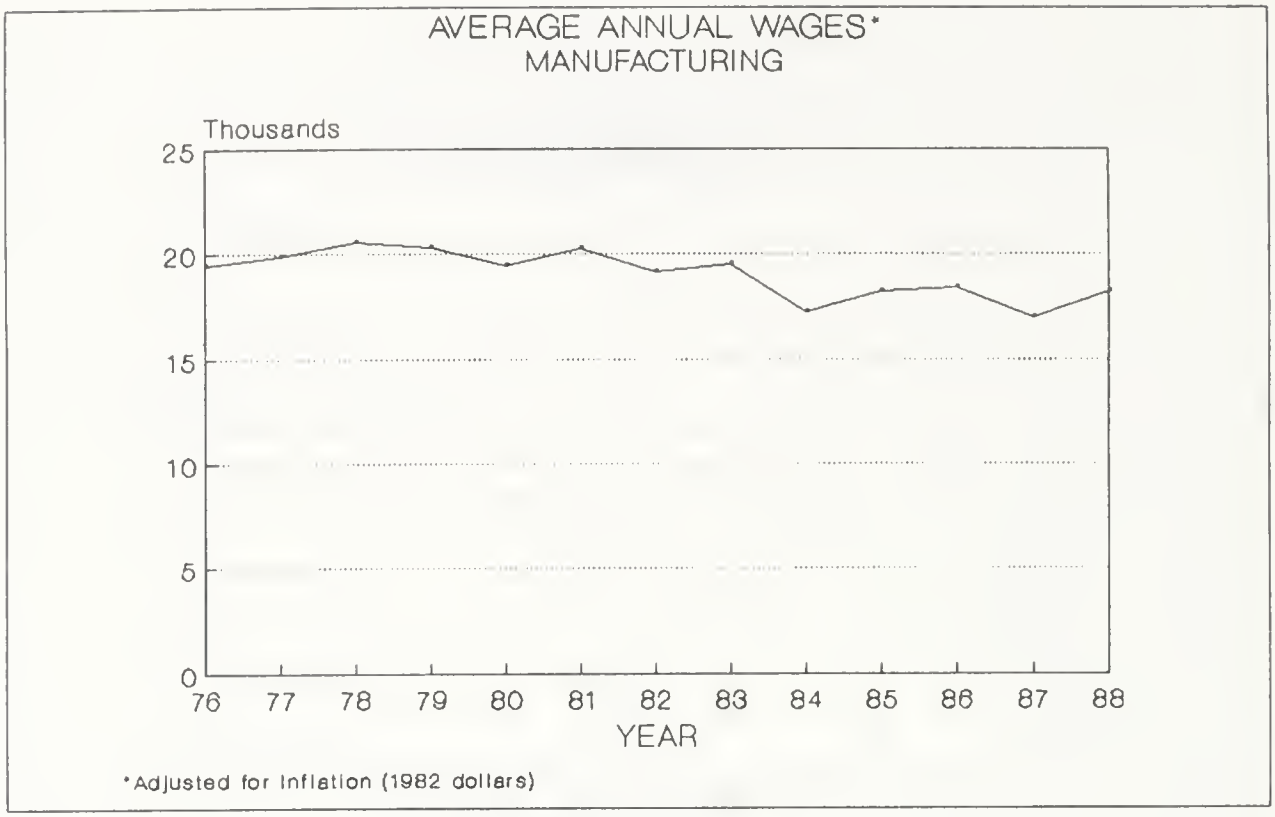
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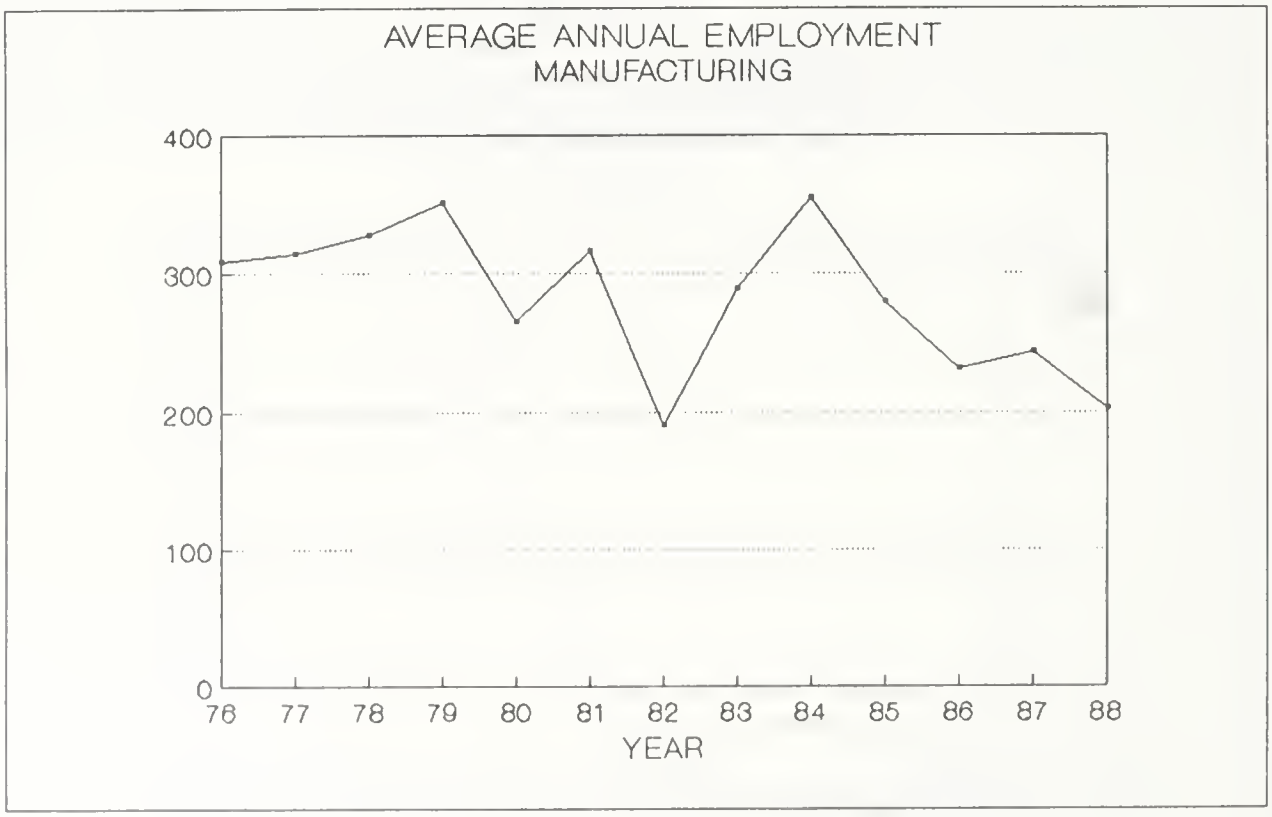
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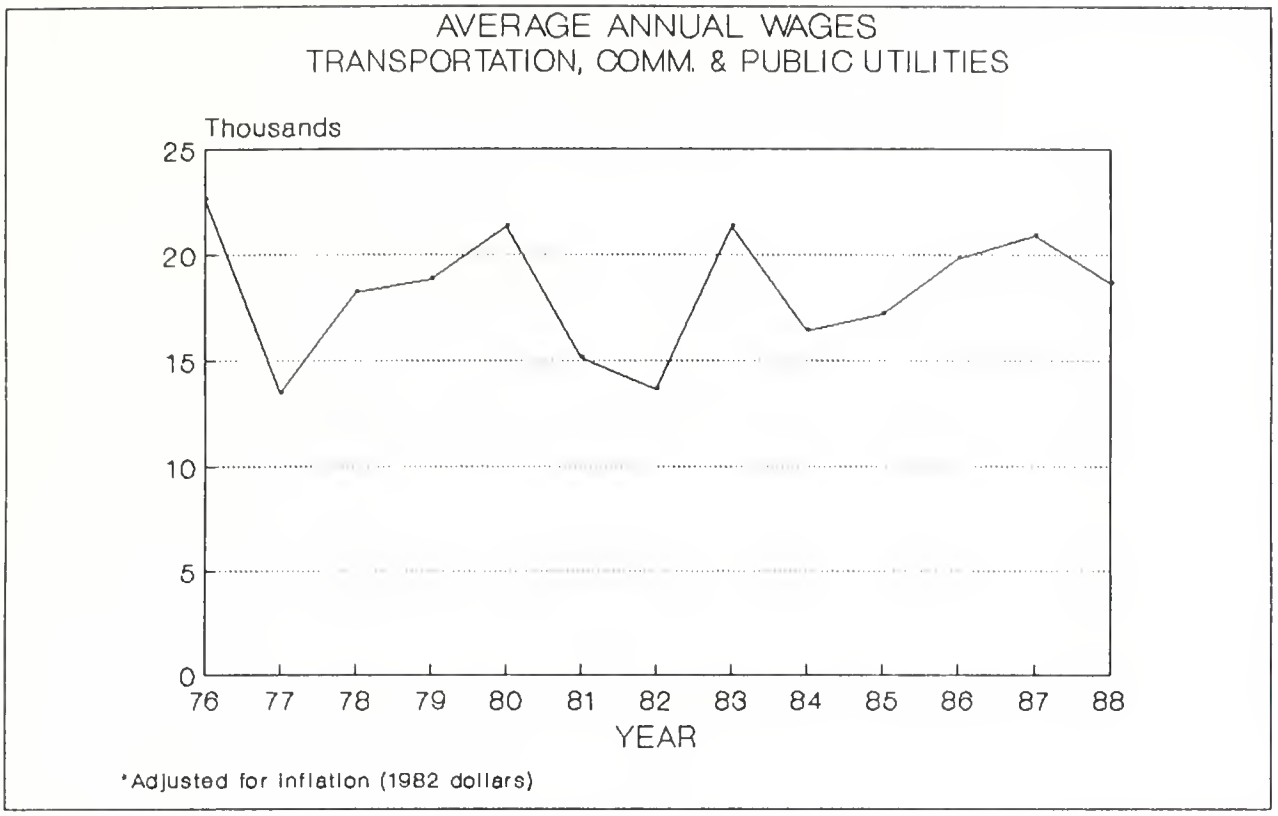
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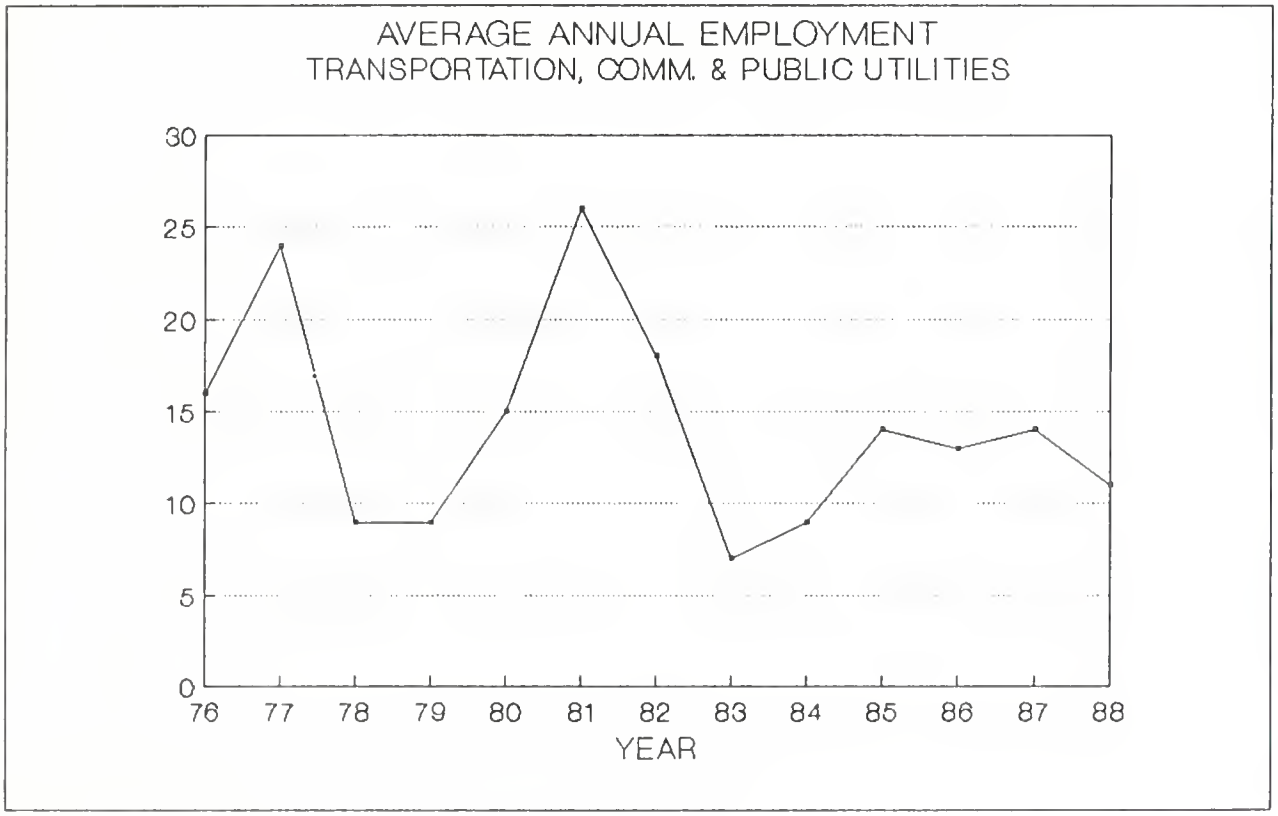
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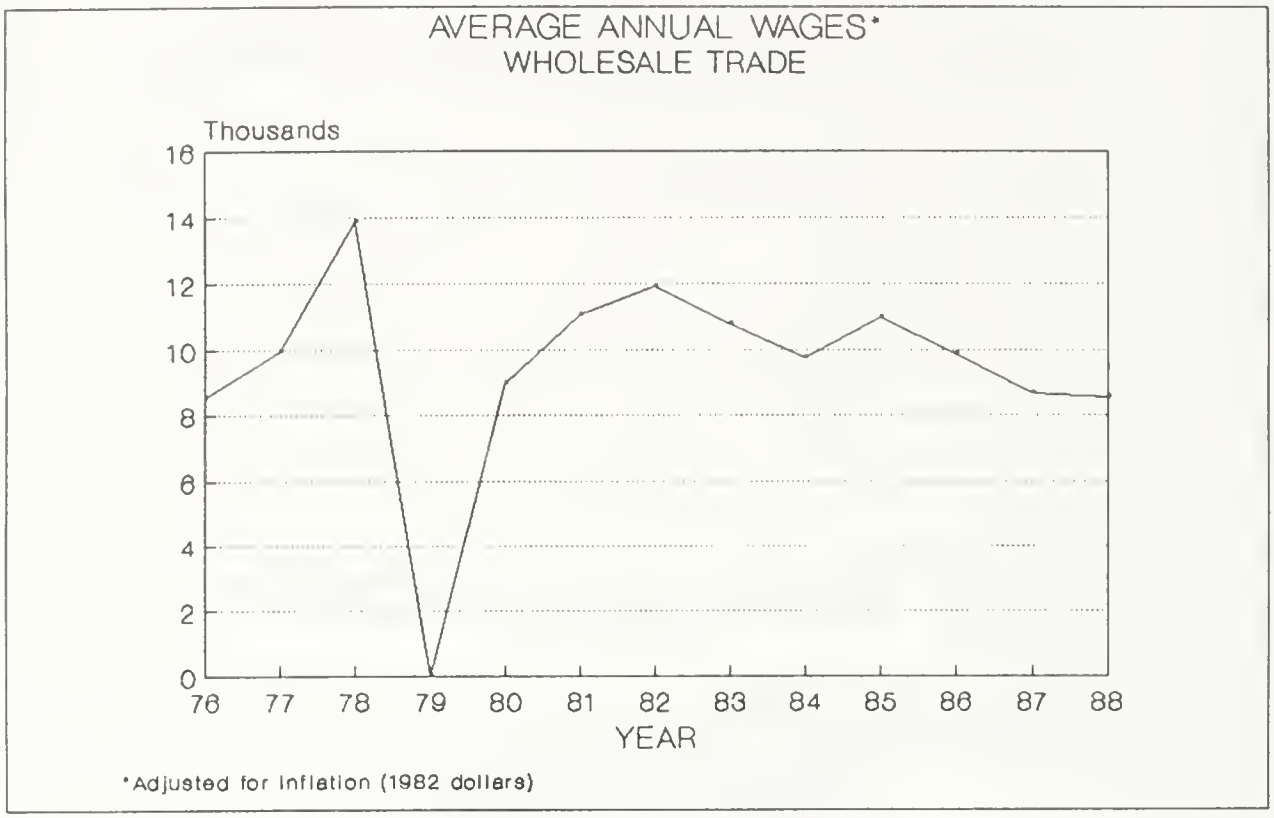
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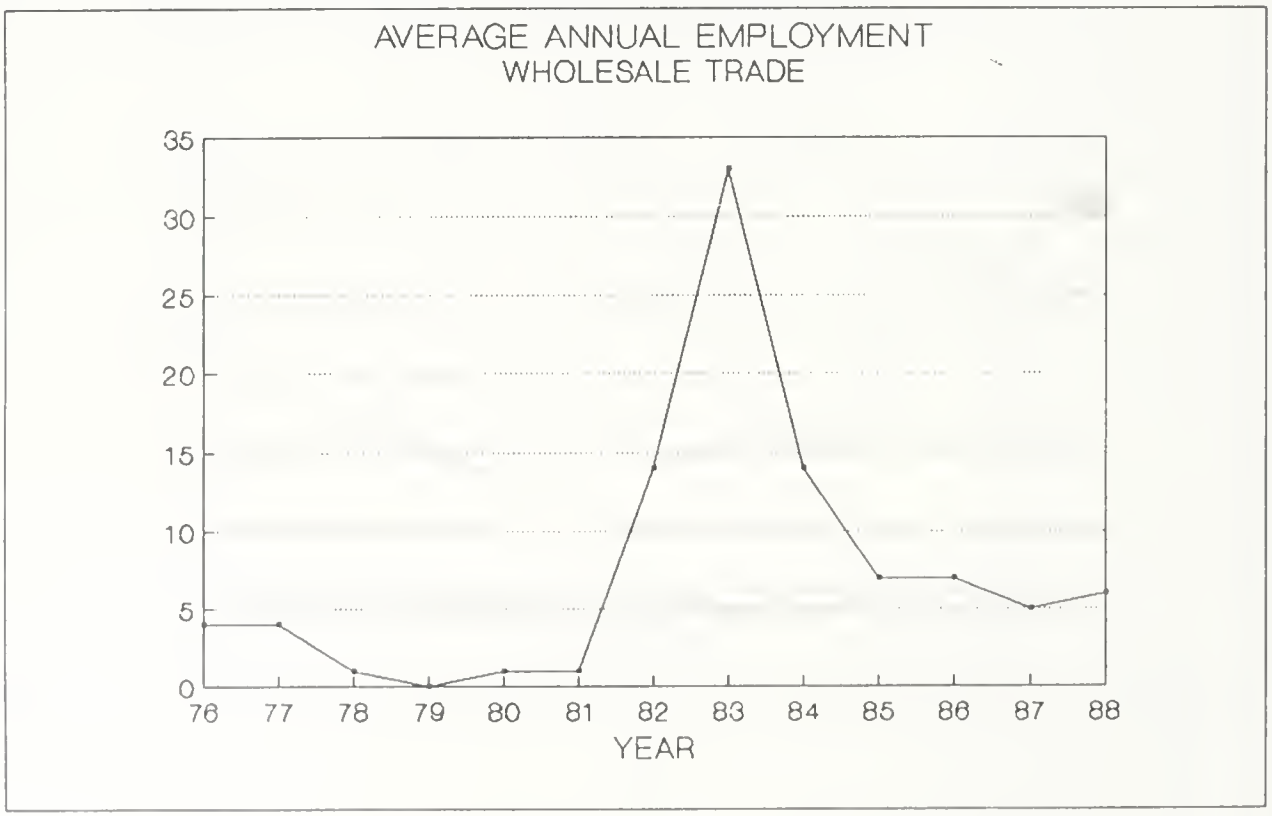
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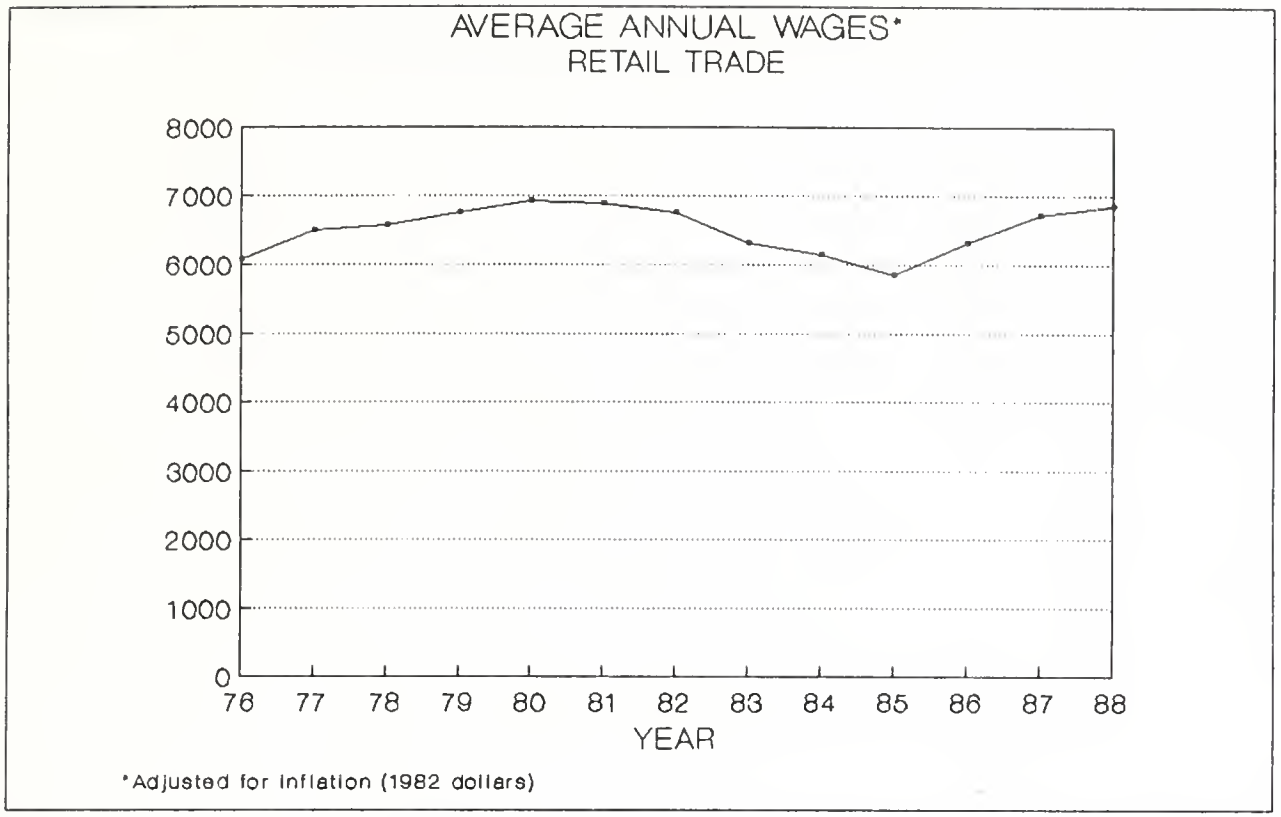
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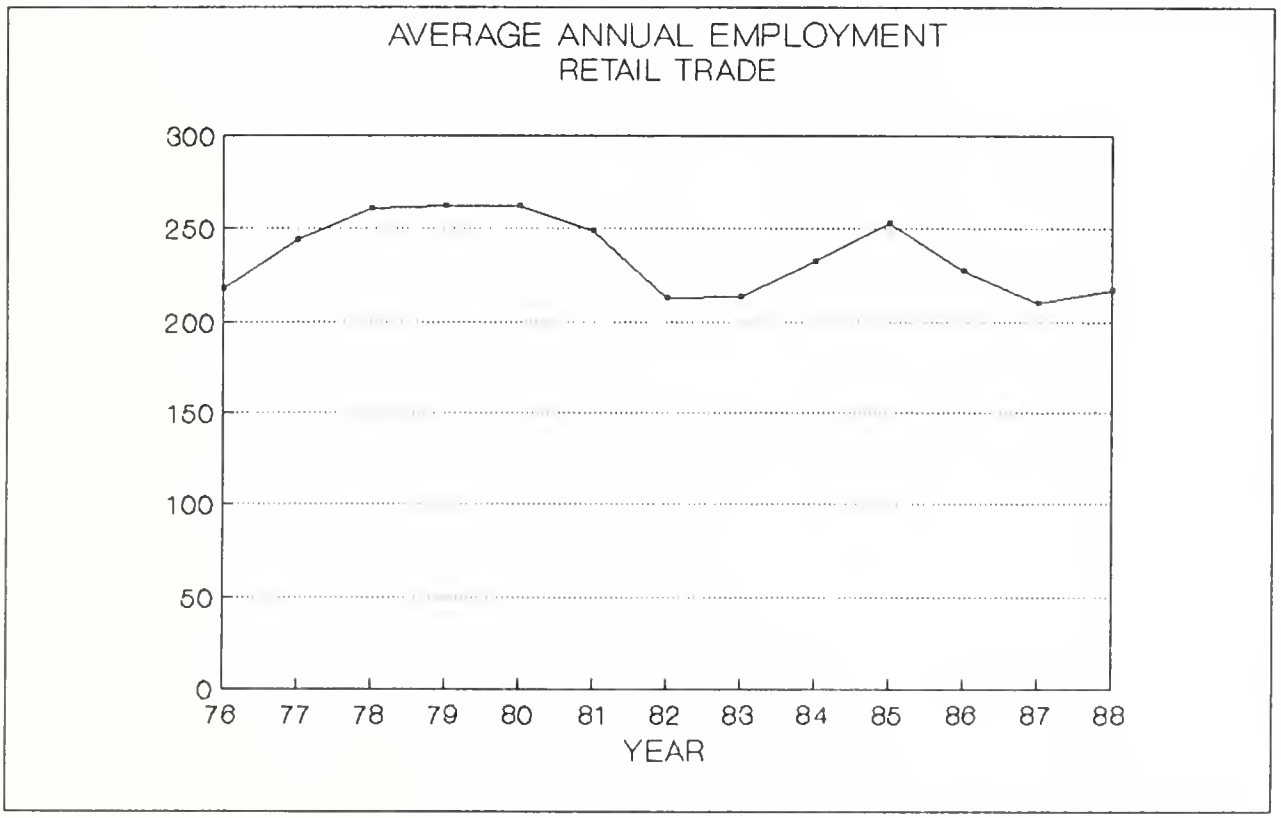
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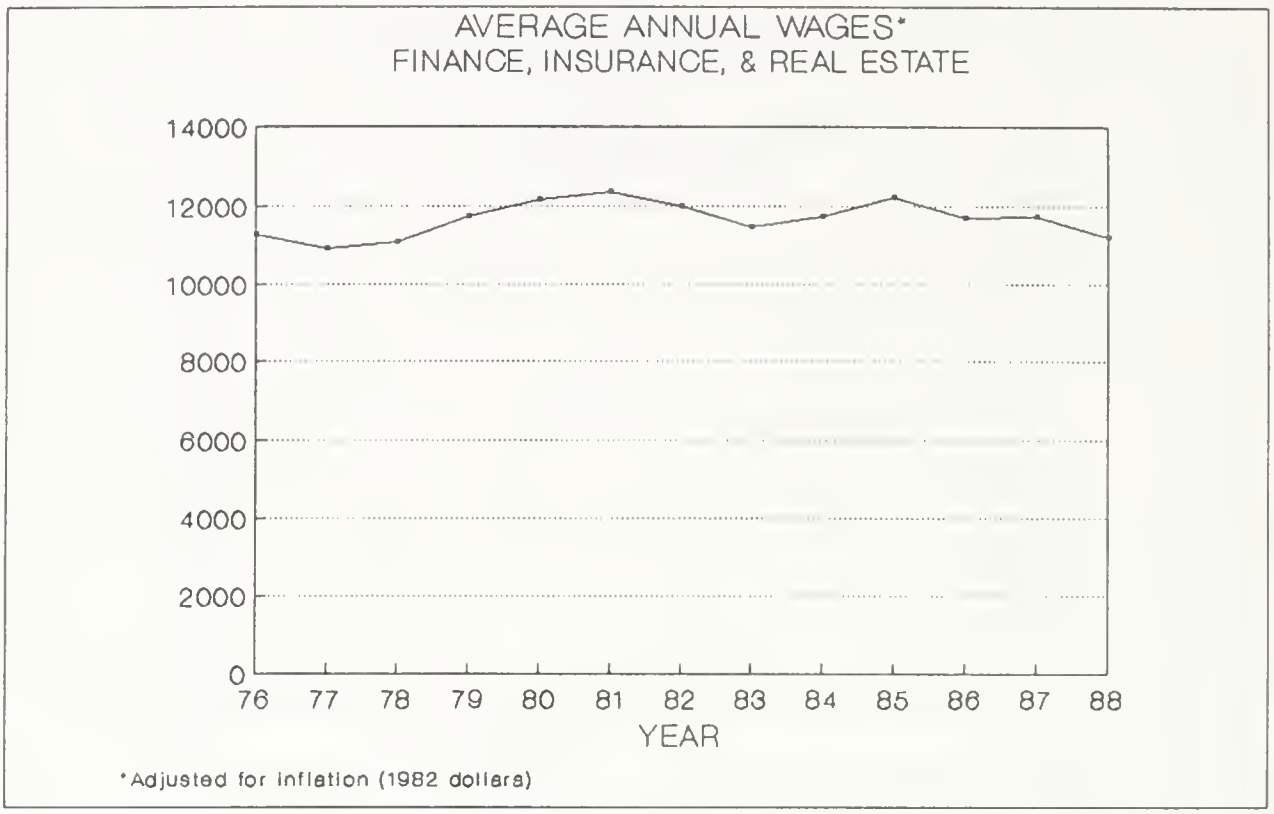
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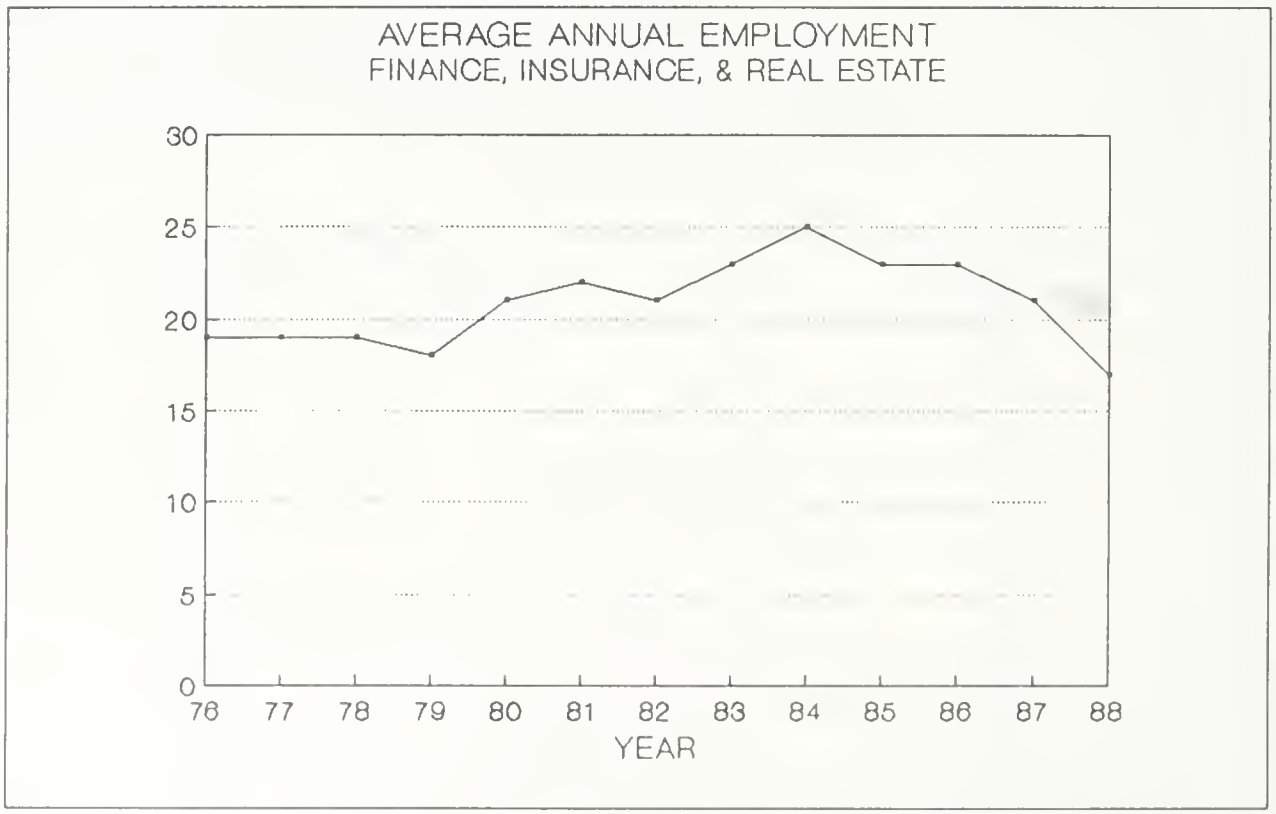
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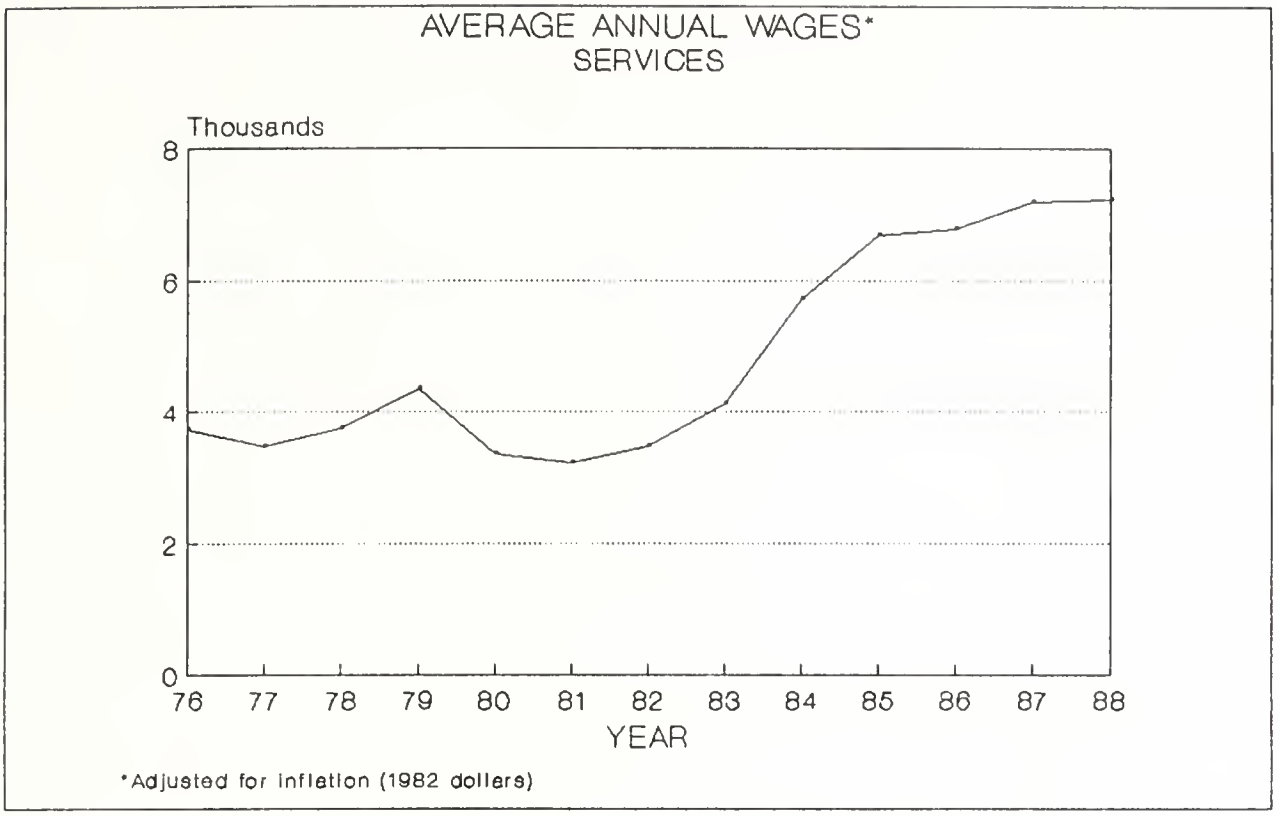
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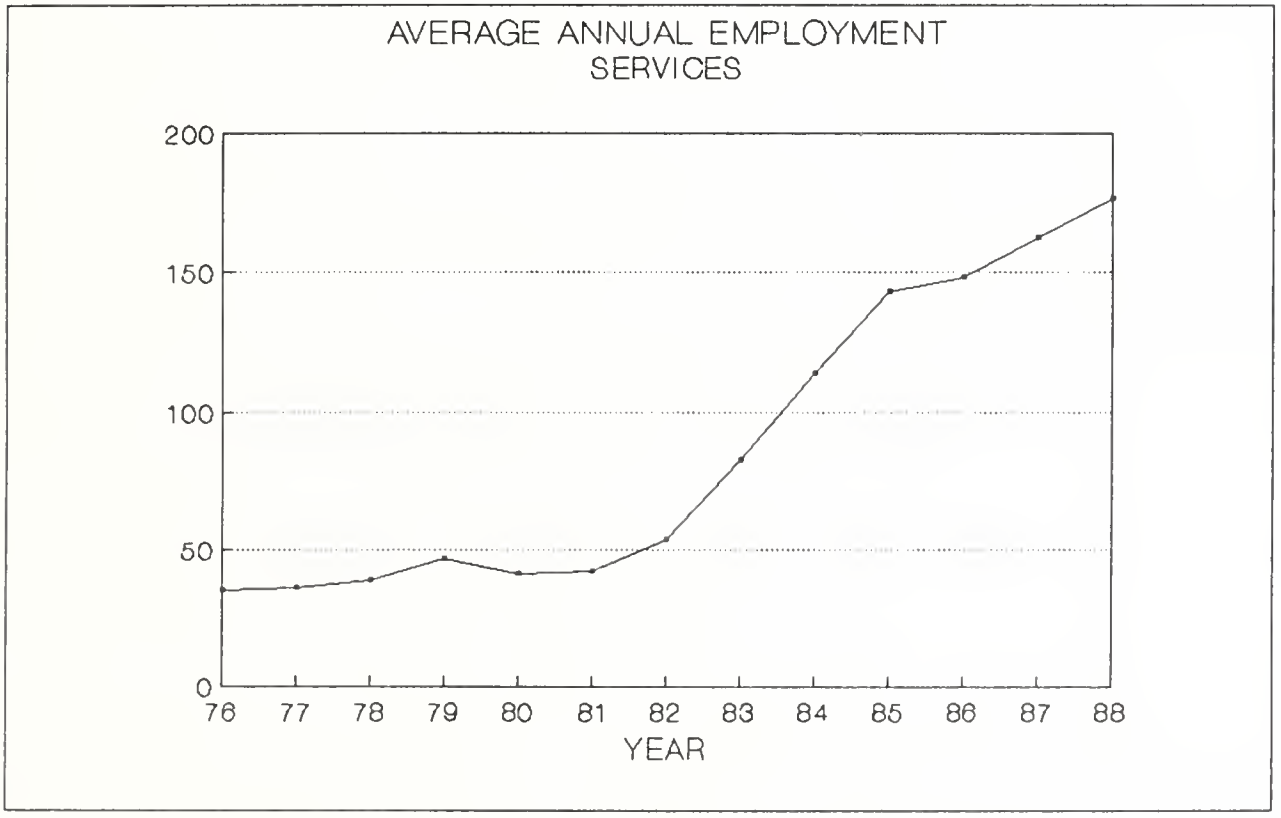
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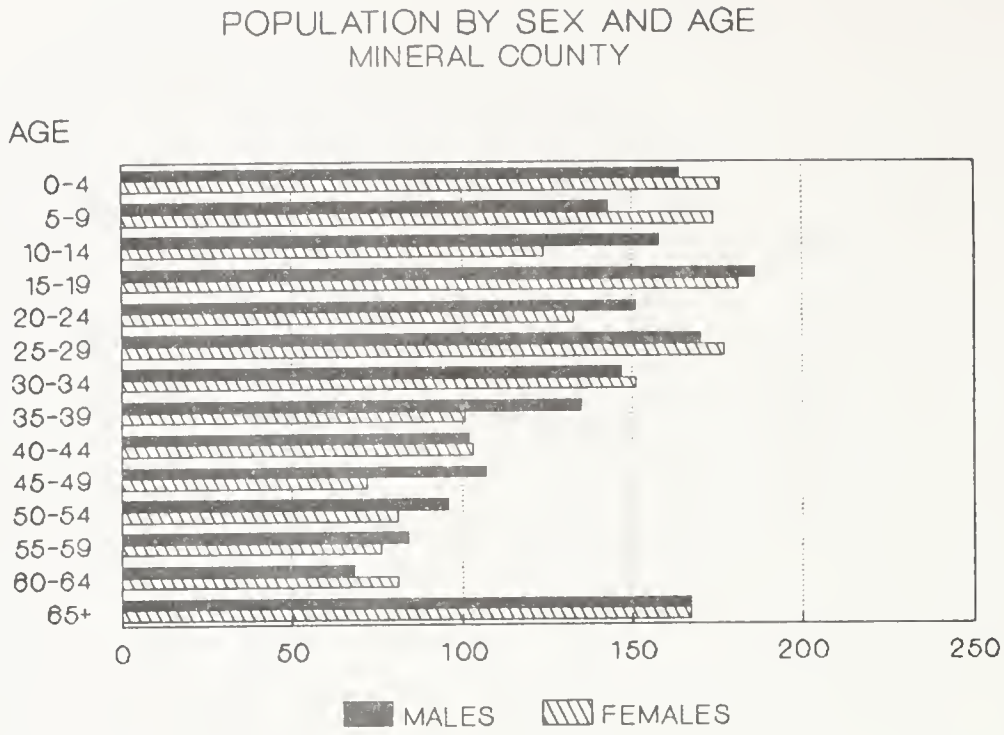
POPULATION COMPARISON

Mineral County and Montana

YEAR	MONTANA	MINERAL	% OF MT
1988	805,000	3,400	0.4%
1987	809,000	3,500	0.4%
1986	819,000	3,700	0.5%
1980	786,690	3,675	0.5%
1970	694,409	2,958	0.4%
1960	674,767	3,037	0.5%
1950	591,024	2,081	0.4%
1940	559,456	2,135	0.4%
1930	537,606	1,626	0.3%

Through 1960, the county population grew at a faster pace than the Montana population. The county which comprised 0.3% of the state population in 1930 (1,626) had increased to 3,037 residents and made up 0.5% of the total state population. The county population dropped slightly in 1970, but in the 1980 census had 3,675 residents. In the late 1980's Montana's population declined and it is estimated that county population fell at about the same rate.



In Mineral County, according to the 1980 census, there were 1,878 male residents (median age 29.0 years) and 1,797 female residents (median age 28.1 years). The population is very evenly matched in gender across most of the age groups, but men outnumber women in the 35-39 year old group (135-101) and in the 45-49 year old group (107-72).

COMMUTER PATTERNS (1980)

Mineral County Residents Who Work In:

Mineral County	1,132
Missoula County	84
Powell County	2
Ravalli County	2
Sanders County	4
Out of State	36
Not Reported	53
	1,313

Mineral County Workers Who Live In:

Cascade County	41
Granite County	2
Lake County	10
Lewis & Clark County	6
Mineral County	1,132
Missoula County	108
Sanders County	59
	1,369

Of 1,260 working residents of Mineral County: 90% work within the county, 6.6% work in Missoula County, and nearly 2.9% work outside Montana. Of 1,369 people who work in Mineral County: 82.7% live in the county, 7.9% live in Missoula County, 4.3% live in Sanders County, and 3.0% live in Cascade County.

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